



TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR

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TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR APPEALS CONNECTICUT SITING COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THRALL ROAD SOLAR PROJECT

Over the strong objection of the Town of East Windsor and local residents, the Connecticut Siting Council recently approved the application of East Windsor Solar II. Last week, the town appealed that decision.

In the conditions of approval, the Town of East Windsor was able to secure several meaningful concessions, including requirements around benchmark conditions for well water testing. By ensuring that the impact of the project will be known before, during and the commencement of the project, the public health concerns of East Windsor residents will be addressed.

“While the Town is strongly disappointed with the Connecticut Siting Council’s decision, the successes that the Town was able to secure in the conditions of the approval are significant, according to East Windsor First Selectman Jason Bowsza. “I want to thank the grassroots advocates in East Windsor who were able to join in our efforts to push back on this application,” says Bowsza.

However, according to Bowsza, “The Connecticut Siting Council has still not recognized the cumulative impact of these projects on small towns like ours. The Council has ignored the stated position of the Town, and accordingly we have no choice but to appeal the decision the State Superior Court.” Special Counsel for the Town will argue that the application is deficient and the Town will oppose any more grid-scale solar development.

As a matter of record, in September 2021 the East Windsor Board of Selectmen and Planning and Zoning Commission jointly submitted a letter to the Council stating the Town’s collective position strongly opposing the subsummation of farmland to facilitate additional grid scale solar projects. In that correspondence, the Town noted a number of already-sited projects consuming considerable farmland in a town that takes great pride in its agricultural heritage and feel. In that letter, the Town also requested that no further grid-scale projects be approved on farmland or forestland within the community.

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